

C E M A E S R U R A L D I S T R I C T.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1948.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate) 1948
.....8,728.....

England & Wales.

Birth Rate	17.2 per 1,000 pop.	17.9
Death Rate	15.4 per 1,000 pop.	10.8
Infantile		
Mortality Rate	46.7 per 1,000 Births.	34

It will be noted that the Death Rate is higher than that for the whole of the country. 47.6% of the deaths were of people over the age of 70 years, including 20% of persons over the age of 80 years.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is considerably higher than that for the whole country. Of the seven deaths of infants under one year, four or 57% were due to Congenital Malformation, an extremely high proportion.

Causes of Death.

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All Causes	68	66
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	2
Influenza	1	0
Cancer	14	6
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	8	7
Heart Diseases	15	21
Bronchitis	1	3
Pneumonia	6	1
Respiratory Diseases	1	0
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1	0
Appendicitis	2	0
Other Diseases of Digestive Organs	1	1
Nephritis	6	7
Birth Injuries, Infant Diseases & Premature Birth	2	2
Road Traffic Accidents	0	0
Suicide	1	0
Other Violent Causes	2	1
All other Causes	6	15

Still Births: 2 or 1.3% of Total Births.

Deaths of Infants under 1 yr: 7 or 4.7% of Total Births.

Illegitimate Births: 9 or 6% of Total Births.



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NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Pneumonia	2.	Scarlet Fever	5.
Measles	41.		

TUBERCULOSIS.

One case of Tuberculosis was notified. There were three deaths from Tuberculosis.

The arrangements for hospital treatment, which were made by the Welsh National Memorial Association are now made by the Regional Hospital Board; but there is still the same delay in admission of patients, owing to the lack of nursing staff.

The County Council are no longer responsible for the working of the scheme for allowances to dependents of tuberculous patients, which is now undertaken by the National Assistance Board.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Immunisation is carried out by the local Doctors, and payment is made by the County Council.

The number of children immunised in 1948 was:-

Under 5 years of age:-	158	
Between 5-15 yrs. of age:-	34	Total 192.
Reinforcing injections:-	518	

WATER SUPPLY.

The piped water supply is not yet sufficient for the needs of the area. A scheme to remedy the deficiency of water, and replace small unsatisfactory supplies has been submitted to the Welsh Board of Health for approval.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No new works were carried out during 1948. An extension to the Cilgerran Sewer is under consideration.

A sewerage scheme for Crymmych was approved in principle by the Welsh Board of Health in 1948, but the work has not yet started.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

All refuse collection is carried out by open carts and lorries, and disposed of in the various areas by uncontrolled tipping. The purchase of a properly covered vehicle to collect the refuse of the whole area is worth consideration.

Refuse is collected weekly in nine villages, and fortnightly in six smaller areas.

HOUSING.

Twelve houses were completed by the Council in 1948, four at Llanfyrnach, and eight at Dinas Cross.

These provide homes for six agricultural workers, one ancillary worker, and five non-agricultural workers.

FOOD.

Forty inspections of food shops were made by your Sanitary Inspector during the year.

Small quantities of food unfit for human consumption, including 51 lbs. Bacon, $17\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Beef, and 9 tins of Danish Pork, were surrendered, and buried.

Dorothy M. Rees,

M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

Particulars of Sanitary Inspector's Work.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1948.

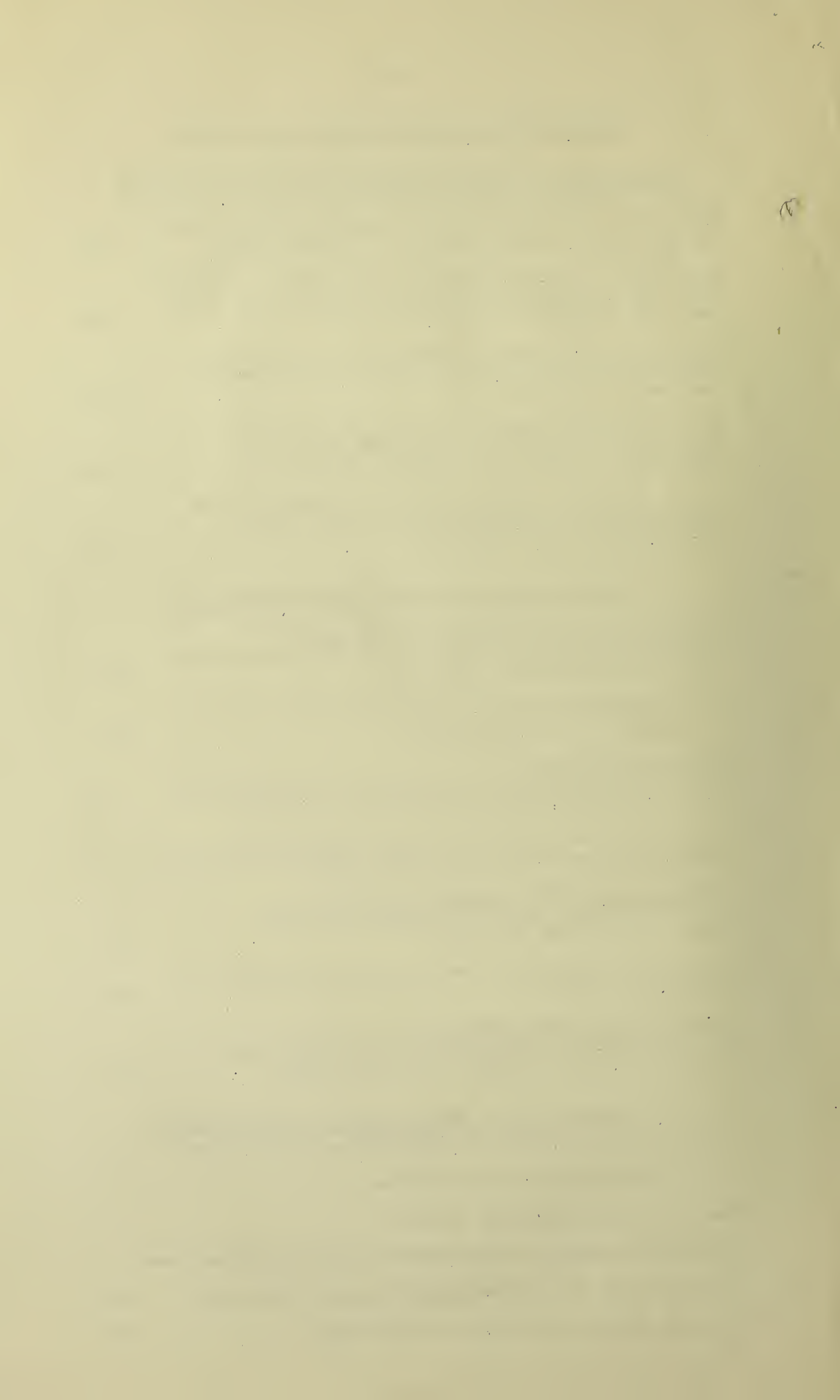
Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	153
Total No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 and 1932 included in previous column.	153
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column).	55
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	29

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR.

<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 and 16.</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners).	Nil
<u>Public Health Acts.</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	35
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners).	26
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 and 13.</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	Nil
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.</u>	
No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil

HOUSING ACTS, 1936. PART 1V - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year.	12
No. of families dwelling therein.	12
No. of persons dwelling therein.	73
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year.	2
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	Nil
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	Nil



SANITARY INSPECTION.

<u>Particulars of work carried out during year 1948.</u>		
No. of complaints received.		120
No. of defects or nuisances discovered.		120
<u>No. of Premises visited.</u>		
Inspections.		189
Re-Visits.		128
<u>No. of Notices Served.</u>		
Preliminary:	Housing	11
	Other	4
Statutory:	Housing	Nil
	Other	Nil
<u>Summary Action.</u>		
Summonses issued		Nil
Convictions obtained		Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS.

No. of Registered Cow Keepers.	658
No. of Inspections.	152
No. of Reistered Dairymen.	Nil
No. of Inspections.	Nil
<u>Milk Samples.</u>	
Satisfactory	Nil
Unsatisfactory	Nil
Total:	Nil

T. L. Bowen,
Sanitary Inspector.

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